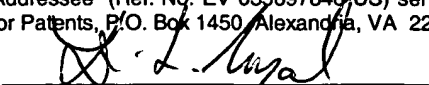


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Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered. No new matter has been introduced by virtue of these amendments.